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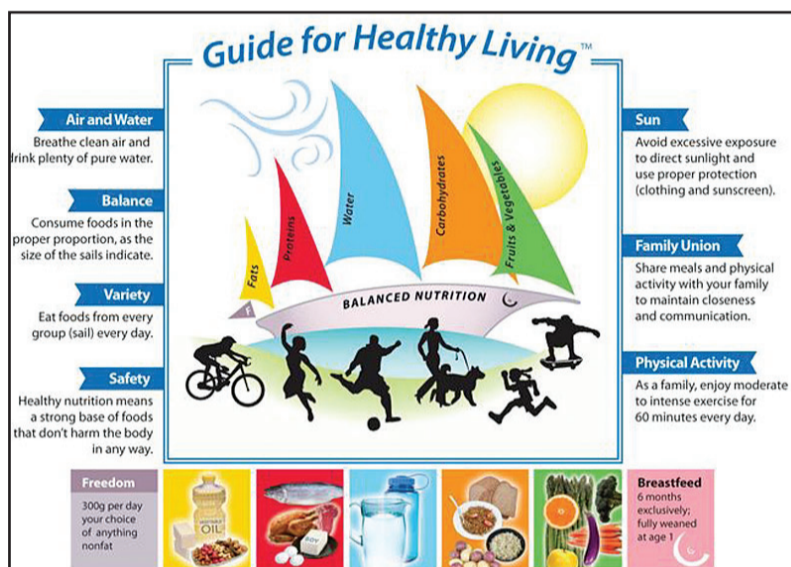
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## IBISA center opens its doors in a very healthy manner



2009 and projects completion in 2018.

The plan addresses "the fight against overweight, obesity, and other health issues." The intention is to encourage an active, healthy population, which is the foundation for preventing chronic and crippling conditions. Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sports, Dr. Richard Visser, who proposed the plan, envisioned integrating the many agencies and foundations that work towards this goal

## Venezuela votes to choose Chavez successor



Venezuelan acting president and presidential candidate Nicolas Maduro assumes a praying attitude after casting his vote

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelans flocked to the polls Sunday to pick late leader Hugo Chavez's successor, choosing between the handpicked heir of his socialist revolution and an oppo-

nent vowing change in the divided nation.

After a brief and bitter campaign, supporters of acting President Nicolas Maduro played military-style bugles to wake up people before dawn to vote in an election pitting him against opposition rival Henrique Capriles.

Maduro is widely expected to win the right to complete the new six-year term Chavez won in October, promising to continue oil-funded policies that cut poverty from 50 to 29 percent with popular health, education and food programs.

But Capriles, the loser in October polls, hopes discontent over the nation's soaring murder rate, chronic food shortages, high inflation and regular power outages will give him an upset victory after 14 years under Chavez.

Before dying last month, the late leader endorsed Maduro as his successor. Maduro has since cast himself as Chavez's "son" and sought to elevate his late



Venezuelan opposition presidential candidate Henrique Capriles kisses his vote mentor as a saint-like figure, calling him "Christ the redeemer of the poor."

The 50-year-old former foreign minister pumped his fist as a crowd cheered him on at a Caracas polling station.

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The realignment of various official health and athletic services under the supervision of the Ministry of Public Health and Sports, are now directed to implement The National Health Plan, which was proposed in

into a cohesive and collaborative organization, Instituto Bibo Saludabel y Activo, (Institute of a Healthy and Active Life) or IBISA.

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Fiesta Rotaria had a great turnout this year again! See more info on pg 4

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### IBISA will be the place for free mammograms

The idea was inaugurated in June of last year, on the heels of the 2nd Pan American

PACO II, and the program described was fully realized this past weekend, when IBISA officially opened its

networking dedicated to solving health issues. This includes integrating the governmental sports agency, IDEFRE, under the IBISA logo.

A mini-health fair was set up in the IBISA headquarters in Eagle, where various activities encouraging community participation were conducted. The health walk was lead by IBISA Director Monique Kuiperi, while a line of bikers made their way through the streets of Oranjestad to mark the occasion.

The IBISA headquarters will also house the Stichting Bevolkingsonderzoek Borstkanker (Breast Cancer Prevention Foundation, or BOB,) which will provide free mammograms for women between the ages of 42-79 annually. Working by district, they will notify women to come in for their examinations.

A full copy of the National Health Plan and IBISA's mission and vision can be found on their website: <http://www.salud.aw/>. It also includes links in four languages to interactive health sites, and complete listings of upcoming IBISA activities.

By Rosalie Klein



Young athletes show off their medals and trophies



Conference on Obesity,

doors at Frankrijkstraat 3 and launched its website of social

## Friendship and brotherhood reflected in gesture by Dutch donation



Just recently, the Aruba Minister of Education received a valuable donation from the Rotary Club Rijswijk-Ypenburg, the Netherlands on behalf of our local Scol Schucha Nos school. This is a special school for children and young people with hearing problems. The lovely sum of 10.500 Euro's or \$13.500 US dollars, was presented by

Rotary Rijswijk-Ypenburg during a special event at Mama's Cooking in San Nicolaas.

The youngest student of the school had the honor of receiving a plaque explaining the donation, which would be placed in a special spot at the school in memory of the donation received.

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Gestures such as this donation from Rotary Rijswijk-Ypenburg are always much appreciated as contributions to the development of our children, especially when it involves children who need extra assistance for one or other reason.

According to the Minister, this he considers one of the most momentous moments for being citizens of the Dutch Kingdom, where from the largest part of the Kingdom, with open heart, a considerable contribution is made to another part of the Kingdom. He indicated that...."this is more than just a monetary donation, it is a gesture of friendship and love which is being reflected in this gift."

Aruba certainly appreciates this gesture and wishes that

Rotary Rijswijk-Ypenburg will be an inspiration to other organizations to do likewise when opportunities arise, according to the Minister.

To celebrate their 10th anniversary, the Rotary Rijswijk-Ypenburg organized a sponsor walk-a-thon to raise funds for Scol Schucha Nos in Aruba. They got the idea after making contact with Roy Hart at Aruba House. The Hart family moved to Holland many years ago for the welfare of one of their children, who was once a kindergarden student at Scol Schucha Nos. Members of the Rotary Rijswijk-Ypenburg know Bjorn Hart from his activities as a member of a football team for persons with hearing problems in Holland. Naturally, Bjorn also participated in the fundraising project.

Never has such a large delegation of the Rotary Rijswijk-Ypenburg travel abroad for such an occasion, according to a club representative. They shared how happy they were to celebrate their club's second lustrum and make such a donation to Scol Schucha Nos in such a special manner.

A total of 16.000 Euro's was raised during the fundraising walk-a-thon in Holland. A sum of this money was given by Rotary Rijswijk-Ypenburg to two other projects on Aruba.

## Join Hyatt's Eco Walk on Earth Day



PALM BEACH, ARUBA – For Earth Day, the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino is inviting all our associates and our community to participate with our Eco Walk on Sunday April 21, 2013.

Earth Day is a globally recognized day to raise awareness around environmental sustainability. The first Earth Day was organized in the US in 1970, then became global in 1990, as the need for environmental awareness around the world continued to grow. Earth Day is now an occasion to energize ourselves to be part of the solution on the path towards environmental sustainability.

The Hyatt Regency Aruba is organizing this "Hyatt Thrive" event in cooperation with Fundacion Gabriel Flores. This foundation is known for creating various environmental awareness and cultural school projects. They will use the funds raised with

this walk for such projects, which is ten florins per participant (including T-shirt). "Hyatt Thrive" is Hyatt's global effort to help make the communities in which we operate places that our associates are proud to work, our guests want to visit, our neighbors want to live and hotel owners want to invest. Hyatt Thrive focuses on four areas that we believe are essential to a thriving community;

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requires a conscious effort and a healthy mix of focus, innovation, commitment and optimism, by all parties involved.

The route of the walk will be Hyatt – La Cabana – Hyatt and will be a total of 5 KM.

The Eco Walk will start at 5pm at the Hyatt parking-lot with a warm up Zumba session of 30 minutes after which the walk will start at 5.30pm. There will be a raffle with fabulous door prizes and prizes.

for the ones who participate with a creatively pimped Earth Day Theme T-shirt to create even more environmental awareness. There will also be fruits, juice and music.

Participants can sign up at IBISA. For more information call IBISA at 5824987 or e-mail [eco4life.aruba@hotmail.com](mailto:eco4life.aruba@hotmail.com).

To all people of Aruba; locals, residents and visitors, who will participate in the Earth Day Eco Walk this coming April 21, please come with your family and friends and have some fun during this Earth Day Celebration while creating environmental awareness.

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Each year, Aruba Rotary Club draws thousands of islanders to their major fundraising event, the Fiesta Rotaria, which takes over the Cas di Cultura grounds for an entire Sunday. It is a day filled bargain hunting in

the various flea markets, entertainment, and family fun for all ages.

This year, savvy shoppers found plenty to pour over in their hunt for great buys in books, home and office furniture, floor and bathroom tiles, toys, and clothing from the more than 14 containers full of goods donated by various island vendors.

The main stage offered a steady stream of shows, from aerobics timed to the 60+ crowd, to mini ballerinas from the dance academy of Club di Movimiento.

Rotary Aruba relies heavily on their fabulous raffle for the lion's share of the funds raised annually from the event, and islanders were lined up to purchase a chance to win a new pick up or round trip tickets to Amsterdam, among many other great

prizes.

Volunteers had been hard at work for months to put together this great day that usually accrues over \$40,000, which is distributed among several worthy causes, in-

cluding the YMCA and Club Kibrahacha 60+, a center for the elderly, for which they are the main support.

By Rosalie Klien

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## Expo Beauty & Health bigger better this year



Multi Media International is again organizing the Expo Beauty & Health on April 26, 27 and 28 at the Renaissance Convention Center. The expo will feature numerous products of health, beauty, fitness, weight loss, healthy eating, make-up tips, fashion and lingerie. You will discover ways to enhance your feminine beauty in all its aspects.

The expo opens on the 26th of April with a fabulous Red Carpet event. Entrance for this first night is Afls. 100 per couple, which includes

two welcome drinks. In addition there will be the opportunity to win a mini iPad. Between 5:00 and 10:00pm you will be privileged to be among the very first to see all the exposition on display, and to meet the expositors.

Saturday and Sunday Expo Beauty & Health will open to the general public from 12:00 noon through to 8:00pm. Both

days will be replete with surprises, presentations and special promotions to share with all visitors. Entrance is only Afls. 7.50 per person with a chance to win Afls. 2500 in gift certificates.

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Register on their website [www.expobeautyandhealth.com](http://www.expobeautyandhealth.com) to receive your Afls. 5 entrance tickets for April 27th and 28th.

Organizers of the expo kindly request that you visit their facebook page [www.facebook.com/ExpoBeauty](http://www.facebook.com/ExpoBeauty) and Like and/or share your opinion. This will give you an opportunity to win a VIP Red Carpet ticket for two persons. Winners will be announced every day on the facebook page.

Tickets are available at Miss Teen participants and at Multi Media International located in Ponton 44B, Tel. 583-9039

## 7-7-7? No way? Yes way! Now at Subway: 7 combos during 7 days for only Afl. 7!



This is the new campaign from Subway for 7 days long, starting today April 15 until April 21st, where clients can buy a combo of a "6 inch bread + 2 cookies + one soda of 21 oz." or a combo of a "6 inch bread + 1 bag of chips + one soda of 21 oz." for only Afl. 7,= including BBO!

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Everyone is invited to drop by today and take advantage of Subway's 7-7-7 campaign.

## Venezuela votes to choose Chavez successor

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Accompanied by his wife, former attorney general Cilia Flores.

Before placing his electronic vote's receipt in a box, he looked up at the sky and held his hands in prayer.

"When I voted, I voted for his memory," said Maduro, who was mocked by the opposition during the campaign for saying Chavez's spirit visited him in the form of a bird. "I gave my vote to this little bird that is flying freely. I voted for him."

Maduro, who was accused of exploiting Chavez's death for political gain, said he would await the election results in the military barracks where the former colonel was laid to rest.

Capriles voted in an upper-class neighborhood, kissing a statue of the Virgin Mary after voting and urging Venezuelans to report any election abuses.

"What we want is for this country to have a true democracy, a democracy for all, a country where we can all exercise our rights without the possibility of any reprisal," he said.

The 40-year-old state governor accused the government of sending text messages to civil servants to pressure them to vote for Maduro. During the campaign, he said Maduro unfairly used state resources to his advantage.

From Venezuela's Amazon region to the Caribbean coast and the capital's hillside slums, voters cast ballots to decide the future of a nation sitting on the world's biggest proven oil reserves.

At the school where Chavez used to vote in the

poor January 23 neighborhood, some voters hailed his legacy.

"The commitment to the revolution is very strong," said Denis Oropeza, 33, a museum employee voting there as a truck played a recording of Chavez asking Venezuelans to vote for Maduro before cancer took his life.

Later, two of Chavez's daughters voted at the school and were applauded by the crowd. People chanted "Chavez lives! The struggle goes on!"

But in the Caracas neighborhood known as a Capriles bastion, voters said they were fed up with violence that left 16,000 people dead last year and a weak economy that has people struggling to find butter and milk in grocery stores.

"I want change because the situation is not good. There's no security, the country is divided in two," said Pietro Bellacicco, 75, a retired agricultural worker.

Chavez named Maduro -- a former bus driver and union activist who rose to foreign minister and vice president -- as his political heir in December before undergoing a final round of cancer surgery. He died on March 5 aged 58.

Maduro and Capriles engaged in an acrimonious campaign marked by insults, government allegations of assassination plots against the acting leader and the virtual beatification of Chavez.

Maduro called his rival a "little bourgeois" while Capriles derided the tall, broad-shouldered acting president as a "bull-chicken."

Capriles avoided criticizing Chavez, however, pledg-

ing to maintain his social "missions." He lost to Chavez by 11 points in the October 7 presidential election -- the opposition's best ever showing against him.

But he blamed the government for the nation's economic woes and vowed to cut the "gift" to Cuba -- a deal in which Caracas ships 100,000 barrels of oil per day while Havana sends doctors and other experts to Venezuela.

Opinion polls gave Maduro a lead of 10-20 points, though the last survey conducted by Datanalysis last week gave him a 9.7-point edge. The winner will be sworn in on Friday.

"The opposition was able to excite its people," Ignacio Avalos, a sociology professor at Central University of Venezuela. "Maduro has two very important weapons in his favor: Chavez's last wish and the state machinery."

Maduro also said Sunday his government would provide "new direct evidence" of US interventionism in his country after he cast a vote in his bid to succeed Hugo Chavez.

Maduro, who was hand-picked by Chavez to lead his nation, expelled two US military attaches the day the leftist leader died last month, and he accused former US officials of hatching a plot to kill him during the campaign.

"Tomorrow (Monday) we will present new direct evidence of interventionism in the domestic situation of Venezuela by US embassy officials," the former foreign minister and vice president said.



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## Rubio vows tough, long path to US citizenship



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Senator Marco Rubio, the Republican point man for immigration reform, said Sunday a new bill would carve a long, arduous path to citizenship for the country's 11 million illegal immigrants.

Appearing on a string of Sunday talk shows, Rubio appeared keen to reassure hard-line Republicans opposed to the idea of amnesty, promising a winding uphill climb to citizenship tethered to tighter border security.

Rubio, a Cuban-American seen as a possible 2016 White House candidate, said many immigrants would not qualify, and that those who did would have to pay taxes and fines and wait more than a decade before applying for citizenship.

Even then, the path to citizenship would be tied to a major increase in border security, a high-tech verification system to track individuals who overstay their visas and mechanisms to prevent illegal immigrants from working.

"For those undocumented in this country, not only will they have to wait more than 10 years, they will have to wait until those... things are fully implemented."

"We're not awarding anybody anything. All we're doing is giving people the opportunity to eventually earn access to our new, improved and modernized legal immigration system."

"You won't be able to find work in the US if you are not legally here. That's why that 'e-verify' part of it is so important," Rubio said, adding that undocumented workers would be also barred from social and health programs.

"In exchange for all of that, we are going to get the toughest enforcement measures in the history of this country. We are going to secure the border to the extent that's possible," Rubio told ABC News's "This Week."

The senator explained that after applying for temporary legal status that would permit them to work in the United States, undocumented immigrants would then have to wait for at least 10 years to apply for a green card.

Once a green card is acquired, immigrants can generally apply for citizenship after another three years.

Rubio has been working with a bipartisan group of senators -- the so-called Gang of Eight -- hoping to enact the most sweeping immigration reform in a quarter-century, with a Senate bill expected to be introduced within days.

Rubio said he was "very optimistic" that draft legislation would be presented soon, but that there would be a "lengthy process" in which lawmakers would debate and amend the bill.

The first Senate hearing on the issue is scheduled to take place Wednesday.

According to a March 21 survey, six out of 10 Americans support a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

The last major immigration reform dates back to 1986 when, with Republican icon Ronald Reagan in the White House, some 2.7 million illegal immigrants were granted amnesty.

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## International News

### China, US to work together on cyber-security: Kerry

BEIJING (AFP) - China and the US, which are embroiled in a bitter dispute over hacking, have agreed to set up a cyber-security working group, US Secretary of State John Kerry said.

"All of us, every nation, has an interest in protecting its people, protecting its rights, protecting its infrastructure," he told reporters on a visit to Beijing.

"Cybersecurity affects everybody," he said. "It affects airplanes in the sky, trains on their tracks, it affects the flow of water through dams, it affects transportation networks, power plants, it affects the financial sector, banks, financial transactions."

The world's two largest economies have traded accusations this year over cyber attacks after US research company Mandiant said in February that a Chinese army unit had stolen hundreds of terabytes of data from at least 141 organisations, mostly based in the United States.

China dismissed the report as "groundless", saying its defence ministry websites were often subjected to hacking attacks originating in the US.

Last month President Barack Obama said cyber threats affecting US firms and infrastructure were increasing and some were "state sponsored".

That prompted to Beijing to repeat an offer to hold international talks on hacking, with the foreign ministry saying it wanted "constructive dialogue and cooperation with the international community, including the US".

China's new premier Li Keqiang last month used his first

press conference after taking office to reject the US accusations, saying that Beijing did not support cyber spying and calling China a "major victim of cyber attacks".

Federal government agencies could buy IT products from China if they passed an official assessment of risks involving "cyber-espionage or sabotage associated with the acquisition of such system", the bill said.

A US congressional report last year named China as "the most threatening actor in cyberspace".

### US guards quell Guantanamo prison unrest

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Guards at the Guantanamo Bay prison fired several non-lethal shots to quell prisoner unrest Saturday as they relocated inmates into individual cells, US military officials said.

Officials at the US-run prison met with resistance from some inmates as they moved before dawn to relocate inmates from communal housing into individual cells.

The facility in Cuba houses scores of prisoners swept up more than a decade ago during in America's so-called war on terror.

The strike began when the men claim prison officials searched their Korans for contraband. Officials have denied any mishandling of Islam's holy book.

An attorney representing some of the inmates decried their treatment.

"It's just another example of force being used in GTMO

Guantanamo), instead of a sense of human rights," said

TOKYO (AFP) - US Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday called on Pyongyang to go back to the negotiating table as he told Japan the United States would protect it from North Korea's threats.

Following a meeting with Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida in Tokyo, where Patriot missiles have been deployed in anticipation of a missile launch by the North, Kerry pledged the US would backstop its ally.

"The United States is fully committed to the defence of Japan," Kerry told a joint press conference with Kishida.

Kerry's comments came after the Korean Central News Agency said Friday any at-

tempt by Japan to shoot down a missile would result in war that would see Japan "consumed in nuclear flames".

Kerry said Washington and Tokyo were searching for a peaceful resolution, something he described as "our biggest priority".

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US authorities, however, put the number of hunger strikers at about three dozen.

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China is Pyongyang's sole major ally and backer, and is widely seen as the only country with leverage to influence its actions -- although it is reluctant to risk destabilising the regime.

The top US diplomat hailed a joint commitment from Chinese and US leaders to work together to dial down the tensions.

"I think that what happened yesterday should not be underestimated and is not a small event in the context of life between China and North Korea."

China's State Councillor Yang Jiechi, who is in charge of Beijing's foreign policy, said his nation "will work with other relevant parties including the United States to play a constructive role".

China is estimated to provide as much as 90 percent of its neighbour's energy imports, 80 percent of its consumer goods and 45 percent of its food, according to the US-based Council on Foreign Relations.

But analysts say it is wary of pushing too hard for fear of a regime collapse sending waves of hungry refugees flooding into China and ultimately leading to a reunified Korea allied with the United States right on its border.

Speaking to journalists later on Sunday, Kerry reiterated his belief that Beijing was a key player and indicated creative thinking was required.

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## China H7N9 bird flu area spreads, two new deaths: govt

BEIJING (AFP) - China's H7N9 bird flu spread west to the central province of Henan on Sunday, as government websites and state media reported two deaths and 11 new cases nationwide.

The new strain of the flu had been confined to the eastern city of Shanghai and nearby Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Anhui until Saturday when the first case was reported in Beijing.

In total 60 people have been infected and 13 have died of the disease since Chinese authorities announced two weeks ago they had found H7N9 in humans for the first time.

Two new cases were reported in Henan on Sunday by Xinhua state news agency, as government websites also announced four new instances in Zhejiang, two in Jiangsu and three in Shanghai along with two deaths in existing cases.

Nine of the 11 new victims were male and seven of them

were in their sixties and seventies.

The Beijing-based patient was the seven-year-old daughter of poultry traders and her condition had improved.

Experts fear the prospect of such viruses mutating into a form easily transmissible between humans, which would have the potential to trigger a pandemic.

The close contacts of the victims reported on Sunday were under observation but none were reported so far to have displayed abnormal symptoms.

Health authorities in China say they do not know exactly how the virus is spreading, but it is believed to be crossing from birds to humans, prompting mass culls in several cities.

Beijing has halted poultry trading and banned the flying of pigeons, China National Radio reported on Sunday.

The United Nations' Food

and Agriculture Organization has said H7N9 shows "affinity" to humans while causing "very mild or no disease" in infected poultry, making it more difficult to find the source of transmission.

In 2003 Chinese authorities were accused of trying to cover up the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, which went on to kill about 800 people worldwide.

But China has been praised for transparency over H7N9, with the WHO saying it was pleased with the level of information sharing and US scientists congratulating it for "the apparent speed with which the H7N9 virus was identified" in a New England Journal of Medicine article.

China has said it expects to have a vaccine ready in seven months but in the article the US experts said developing one could take "many months".



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## Health & Living

### US top court to hear case on gene patents

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Supreme Court will hear arguments Monday on whether to allow scientists to patent genes they have isolated and identified, a decision that could have far-reaching implications for genetic research.

The nine justices will review a 2012 appeals court decision that allowed a biotechnology company, Myriad Genetics Inc, to patent two genes it found had links to breast and ovarian cancer.

But the ruling has drawn protest from a broad group, including associations representing some 150,000 researchers, doctors and patients, who are now asking the nation's top court to overturn it.

"Our legal challenge is based on 150 years Supreme court doctrine that says, under the patent act, products and laws of nature are not patentable," said lawyer Sandra Park of the American Civil Liberties Union, which is leading the judicial battle along with the Patent Policy Framework.

According to Park, extracting a gene from a cell to isolate it does not constitute an invention by itself.

For Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel laureate in economics and a professor at Columbia University in New York, Myriad's two patents, obtained in the 1990s, create a "lack of access to testing but also a lack of access for further development of basic research."

Park concurs. "That's exactly the situation we have here. Because of Myriad's patent of the gene, no other scientists can look at these genes," she explained.

The "very broad" patent "precludes any laboratory or scientists from doing clinical or research work with these

genes because isolation is fundamental to doing anything with them," she emphasized.

As a result, the researchers are unable to develop competing tests that may potentially be more effective than Myriad's to determine if a woman is a carrier of the mutations that predispose her to breast or ovarian cancer.

That's a crucial problem, said Ellen Matloff, director of cancer genetic counseling at the Yale Cancer Center, because Myriad's test falls short and fails to detect the mutated genes in some women.

Moreover, with its monopoly, Myriad can bill more than \$3,000 for an analysis that, Matloff said, should cost a tenth as much.

But Myriad defends its patents and denies they cover mere products of nature.

It maintained, as well, that the discovery of the two genes, the product of research that typically requires years of effort and large investments, ought to be protected.

Nearly 20 percent of the approximately 24,000 human genes are currently under patent, some of which are associated with Alzheimer's disease or other cancers.

The Supreme Court's decision is expected in June.



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## Sci-Tech



**AMSTERDAM** -Thousands gathered in Amsterdam Saturday to witness Queen Beatrix officially re-open the Rijksmuseum, the national museum of the Netherlands and home of Rembrandt's masterpiece "The Night Watch". In one of her last engagements before her abdication on April 30, the Queen, backed by cheering crowds, turned a golden key that set off elaborate orange fireworks around the building marking the moment the museum was re-opened. It was once described as "the Vatican of the art world" - an austere temple to Dutch art, and a site of pilgrimage for a million visitors every year.

## US digital library brings culture, history online

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A new "digital public library" set to launch this month aims to provide an alternative to Google for those looking for American cultural information online.

Visitors will be able to view, for example, letters penned by George Washington, a copy of the Declaration of Independence in the handwriting of Thomas Jefferson, and ambrotype and daguerreotype images of Abraham Lincoln.

The Digital Public Library of America site [dp.la](http://dp.la) will launch April 18 with more than two million objects -- including digital renderings of photos, books, manuscripts and other items from places such as the Smithsonian Institution, along with museums, libraries and historical institutions around the country.



tional Library's Trove project.

Cohen said DPLA can be used as a search portal for researchers, as an alternative to a search engine like Google because it is a self-contained site with many objects that might not be available by Web search.

For students as researchers, DPLA can be an alternative to Wikipedia, because the new library will be a primary resource.

For now, the library is not duplicating the efforts of Google Books -- a project digitizing millions of works which has provoked controversy -- but will "explore models for digital lending of in-copyright materials," according to the DPLA website.

Thomas Jefferson's 1790 letter accepting his appointment as secretary of state to Washington is among the documents. One can find Matthew Brady's early Lincoln photographs and historical maps of the Americas from the David Rumsey Map Collection.

The site created through the impetus of Harvard University's Berkman Center for Internet and Society is modeled after the Europeana library in Europe and the Australian Na-

## In lab, 'bio-kidney' offers hope for renal patients

PARIS (AFP) - Researchers in the United States on Sunday said they had bio-engineered a kidney and transplanted it into rats, marking a step forward in a quest to help patients suffering from kidney failure.

The prototype proves that a "bio-kidney" can work, emulating breakthroughs elsewhere to build replacement structures for livers, hearts and lungs, they said.

Described in the journal *Nature Medicine*, the work entailed taking a rat kidney and stripping out its living cells using a detergent solution, leaving behind a shell made of collagen.

The next step was to repopulate this empty structure with living cells, comprising human endothelial cells, which line

the walls of blood vessels in the kidney, and kidney cells taken from newborn rats.

The trick was then to "seed" these cells in the correct part of the kidney, using a muscle duct called the ureter as a tube.

The team transplanted the organ into living rats from which a kidney had been removed.

The new kidney started filtering blood and producing urine through the ureter as soon as the bloody supply was restored, and there was no evidence of bleeding or clots.

Further work is needed to fine-tune the cell types to improve organ function, and many hurdles must be overcome before any tests on humans can go ahead, the scientists cautioned.

The researchers stripped cells from pig and human kidneys to test the first phase of the procedure on these organs, but have not taken this further for now.

Harald Ott of the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Regenerative Medicine said the goal was to help the millions of people with kidney failure whose lives are cramped by dialysis.

"If this technology can be scaled to human-sized grafts, patients suffering from renal failure who are currently waiting for donor kidneys or who are not transplant candidates could theoretically receive new organs derived from their own cells" to prevent rejection by the immune system, he said.

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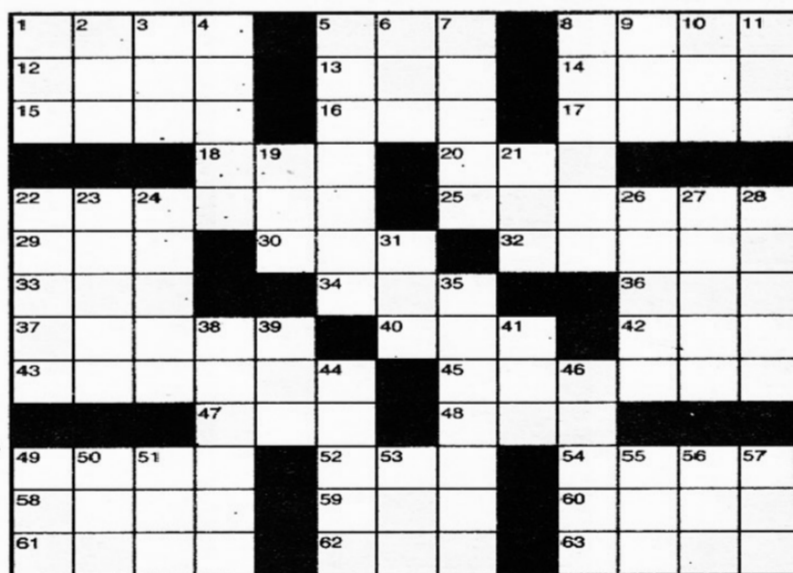
## CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

1. Coke flavor
5. Pearl, e.g.
8. Pretends
12. British trolley
13. \_\_\_ snail's pace (2 wds.)
14. Jeans inventor Strauss
15. Heavy file
16. Wither
17. Delighted
18. Take it on the \_\_\_ (flee)
20. Altar declaration (2 wds.)
22. \_\_\_ Anderson
25. Time limit set by parents
29. Yale student
30. Inquire
32. "Howdy!"
33. Internet service (abbr.)
34. Actress Delaney
36. Rowing blade
37. Plagiarize
40. Rebuker's sound
42. NJ's ocean
43. Letting up
45. Pleased
47. Depot (abbr.)
48. Countdown starter
49. Actor Malden
52. Former airline
54. In need of irrigation
58. Get along
59. Hold one's \_\_\_
60. Jean who makes bath products

## DOWN

61. Mama \_\_\_ Elliot
62. Tractor-trailer
63. Baby blues
1. Middle (abbr.)
2. "Are you a man \_\_\_ mouse?" (2 wds.)
3. Vegas intro
4. Abundant
5. Air-filtering apparatus (2 wds.)
6. Airport monitor abbr.
7. Houdini's forte
8. Clinton's vice president (2 wds.)
9. Animation collectible
10. Dam-building gp.
11. Funnyman Caesar
19. \_\_\_ king (2 wds.)
21. "No fooling!"
22. Tranquillity
23. Wahine's greeting
24. Pilgrim Standish
26. Relax in the pool
27. Make joyous
28. Earth
31. Model airplane package
35. Wild horse of the West
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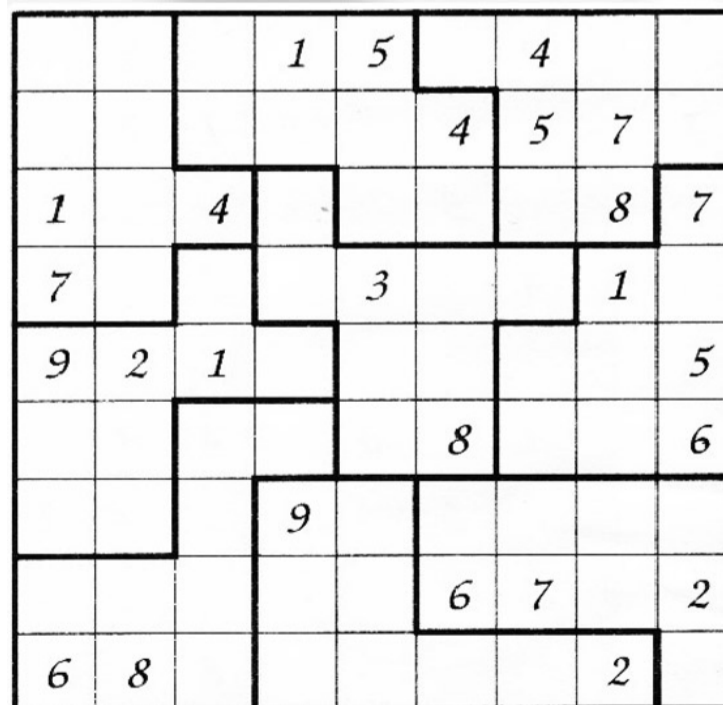
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4	1	9	6	2	8	5
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1	2	5	4	8	9	6
8	9	4	2	1	6	5

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

## Finance

## Cyprus passports offered to big foreign losers in EU bailout

LIMASSOL (AFP) - President Nicos Anastasiades said Sunday that foreigners with bank deposits in Cyprus who lost at least 3 million euros (\$3.9 million) under an EU bailout for the island would be given passports.

"Non-resident investors who held deposits prior" to the bailout and lost "at least 3 million euros will be eligible to apply for Cypriot citizenship," which brings with it an EU passport, Anastasiades said.

"We believe that a number of measures to be adopted could on the one hand mitigate to some extent the damage the Russian business community has endured," he told a Russian business conference in the coastal resort of Limassol.

He said the measures, primarily affecting Russians, would be approved at a two-day cabinet meeting starting on Monday.

Most of the money being raised by Cyprus to qualify for the bailout is to come from a hit of as much as 60 percent on more on deposits above 100,000 euros at the Mediterranean country's two largest banks.

Russians have billions of euros in deposits parked in Cyprus, with estimates ranging from 5-31 billion euros. Moscow was angered when it emerged they would lose part of their money under "haircuts" demanded in return for an EU bailout.

"I wholly acknowledge and share their understandable bitterness and apprehension caused by the coercive manner with which the Eurogroup agreement was imposed on my government," Anastasiades said of the Russian business community.

The government is also "examining various scenarios which could permit the compensation of part of the losses which shareholders of banks,

holders of debt securities and depositors have suffered," he said, without elaborating.

Russians at the conference pointed to the obvious advantages of having a European Union passport, but some were left unconvinced.

"It's true that for a Russian national having a Cyprus passport is a good thing because Cyprus is part of Europe," Vasily Novikov, a Cyprus-based Russian entrepreneur in his 50s, told AFP.

"But a passport doesn't solve

the problem of businesses which fear a repeat (of a haircut on bank deposits), and it's now difficult to operate in Cyprus."

Turning to the hydrocarbon reserves discovered off southern Cyprus, Anastasiades invited Russian energy firms to take part in development of the fields on which his country is pinning its economic recovery hopes.

He voiced confidence that Russian-Cypriot business links would remain strong.

## US warns China, Japan, SKorea on currencies

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States said China's currency remains "significantly undervalued" and warned Japan and South Korea against weakening their currencies to gain a trade advantage.

In a twice-yearly finding to Congress on exchange-rate policies, the US Treasury took aim at the country's big Asian trade partners ahead of a series of high-level international meetings in Washington next week.

Taking surprise aim at Tokyo, the Treasury raised questions about Japan's effort to reflate its economy, a move that has sent the yen sharply tumbling to its lowest level since May 2009.

The yen has moved from 77 to the dollar to nearly 100 to the dollar since October.

The Treasury said that Japan's macroeconomic stimulus would be supportive in the short term "but cannot be a substitute for structural reform that raises productivity and trend growth."

It urged Tokyo "to remain oriented towards meeting respective domestic objectives using domestic instruments and to refrain from competitive devaluation and targeting its exchange rate for competitive purposes."

As for China, once again, in the face of congressional critics of China's huge bilateral trade advantage, the Treasury declined to officially brand Beijing a currency manipulator, a move that could spark US trade sanctions.

The Treasury said that as of early April 2013, the yuan, or

renminbi (RMB), has appreciated 10.0 percent against the US dollar since June 2010, when China moved off its exchange rate peg.

When inflation is taken into account, the yuan has appreciated 16.2 percent from June 2010 through February 2013, it said.

For that reason, the Treasury said it had concluded that the standard for determining the exchange rate was manipulated to gain an unfair competitive advantage "has not been met with respect to China."

But it said China's yuan is still underpriced.

On April 1, the yuan had appreciated 1.9 percent from a year ago, according to market data.

The Treasury also assailed Seoul for intervening in currency markets to limit the strength of the won.

The won appreciated by eight percent against the dollar in 2012, the most among the G20.

South Korea has done so with the stated goal of smoothing volatility in the won, it said.

The Treasury recalled that its Group of 20 partners, at a February meeting dominated by the issue of currency wars, had agreed to refrain from competitive devaluation and exchange-rate targeting trade advantage.

The critical report suggested currency wars would be high on the agenda of the G20 meeting next Friday amid the annual spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in Washington.

## First South Sudan oil reaches Sudan: ministry

KHARTOUM, (AFP) - Sudan's oil ministry said Sunday that the first crude from South Sudan reached its territory, bringing both impoverished nations closer to billions of dollars in revenue after a dispute over fees.

Eight days ago South Sudan held a ceremony to restart oil production at the Thar Jath field in Unity state after a shutdown of more than a year.

The South halted crude production in early 2012, cutting off most of its revenue after accusing Khartoum of theft in a row over export fees.

China was the biggest buyer of the oil.

Fatah said the oil flowed into a tank on Sudanese territory from South Sudan's Block 5A, southeast of the Unity state capital Bentiu.

"They have already processed this oil and they have pushed this through to the export tank" on the Sudanese side, Fatah said.

He expressed hope that within a week oil could begin moving into the main pipeline to begin a journey of about 45 days to the export terminal at Port Sudan on the Red Sea.

"This operation will start small because they cannot open all thousands of wells at the same time," Fatah said.

He anticipates an initial flow of 10,000 barrels per day moving towards Port Sudan, where stock will have to build until there is enough to fill a tanker which can hold more than 600,000 barrels.

Production from South Sudan's Upper Nile state, where most of the fields are located, should reach Sudan in two or three weeks, Fatah said.

The first ship carrying oil could leave sometime in July, with the first revenue arriving up to 40 days later, he added.

Fatah said engineers are still checking the condition of the Sudanese pipeline, which runs for about 1,500 kilometres (930 miles). So far there appears to be no major problems.

Workers on the South Sudanese side found a bullet hole in the local pipeline on Saturday but the leak has been stopped, he said.

South Sudan split from Sudan in July 2011, following an overwhelming referendum vote for independence under a peace deal that ended a 22-year civil war.

The new country separated with roughly 75 percent of the 470,000 barrels per day of crude produced by the formerly unified country, while refineries and export pipelines stayed under Khartoum's jurisdiction.

Independence of the South left Khartoum without most of its export earnings and half of its fiscal revenues.

As a result, the pound currency plunged in value on the black market while inflation rose to more than 40 percent, where it remains.

Loss of the export fees from South Sudan's oil added to the north's economic burden but, for the South's government in Juba, shutting oil production meant the loss of 98 percent of its stated revenue.

It is now set to earn billions of dollars from exporting its oil again, while the deal is worth \$1 billion-\$1.5 billion annually in transit fees and other payments to Sudan, an international economist has estimated.

## SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer



BOSTON (AFP): Coffee beans are seen during the Coffee Industry Expo at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center April 13, 2013 in Boston, Massachusetts. Coffee vendors and lovers converged on Boston to see the newest advances in the industry, taste coffees from around the world, and to watch the U.S. Barista Championships.

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## Brilliant US ballerina Tallchief dies



NEW YORK (AFP) - One of America's finest ballerinas and the muse and wife of legendary choreographer George Balanchine has died, aged 88.

Maria Tallchief died Thursday in Chicago, where she had founded the short-lived Chicago City Ballet, the family announced. She had previously been the dazzling prima ballerina with the New York City Ballet from 1948 to 1965, working with Balanchine, who was also briefly her husband.

Balanchine created the lead role of Stravinsky's "Firebird" for her, among many others, while her performances in the choreographer's take on "Swan Lake" and "Orpheus" helped cement his stature.

Her role as the Sugar Plum Fairy in Balanchine's 1954 "Nutcracker," wrote The Washington Post, helped "transform" a previously obscure ballet into "an American holiday staple and the ballet world's most perennially reliable box-office draw."

Born in 1925 to a father from the Osage tribe and a mother of Irish-Scottish descent, Tallchief was one of the first Native American ballerinas to achieve such prominence with major companies.

Her pride in her heritage led her to refuse pressure common at the time to change her name to a more marketable, Russian-sounding version -- for example turning Tallchief into Tallchieva.

She grew up initially on the Osage reservation in Oklahoma, where her family's life had been revolutionized by the wealth that came with the discovery of oil on tribal land.

Highly musical, she took piano and ballet lessons, and at eight, when her family moved to Los Angeles, her dancing turned serious.

In 1942, she joined the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, a leading touring company, and it was there that she grew close Balanchine, who was the choreographer. They married in 1946 and divorced in 1950.

She was the prima ballerina at New York City Ballet, where Balanchine was also choreographer. Her appearance in the "The Firebird" in 1949 assured her stardom.

## Pope adviser Pell says Church needs 'better discipline'



Cardinal George Pell

SYDNEY (AFP) - Australia's most senior Catholic cleric Cardinal George Pell, picked by the pope to help advise him on governance and reforms, said Sunday "better discipline" was needed in the church.

The Sydney Archbishop also suggested less Italian influence at the Vatican would be welcome.

Pell was one of eight cardinals from around the world selected by Pope Francis on Saturday to advise him in the new pontiff's first step towards reforming the Catholic Church's opaque administration.

The group will examine updating the constitution of the Roman Curia -- the Church administration which analysts say is badly in need of reform.

Pell said he would help the pope in "anyway I can".

"I am very sure the Holy Father will be working for a better discipline," he told ABC radio ahead of his departure from Sydney for Rome.

"There has been a spot of bother as we know in the Vatican, with the butler leaking

the papers and other allegations.

"Most of the people working in the Curia are very, very fine people, but there were one or two mishaps."

Pell also suggested he would welcome a reduction in Italy's influence over the Vatican.

"Quite a few Italians work in the Curia. The chairman of this group is an Italian, Cardinal Bertello," he said.

"But I think different perspectives will be useful and I think a few English-speaking perspectives won't hurt."

Tim Fischer, Australia's first resident ambassador to the Holy See, called the panel appointments an "inspirational" choice.

"Certainly this new cabinet, or council, of cardinals of advice is a beacon pointing the way ahead by the new Pope in relation to re-balancing and revamping the church," he said.

The other cardinals selected are from Europe, Africa, North and South America, and Asia with the group due to

hold its first meeting on October 1-3, the Vatican said.

The announcement came a month after Francis was elected leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics and a week after he made his first appointment to the scandal-hit Vatican bureaucracy, naming a leader of the main Franciscan order as the number two of the institution that oversees all Catholic religious orders.

Vatican observers are eagerly awaiting other key nominations to top Curia posts expected in the coming weeks, which could provide vital insights into the new pope's intentions for the Church.

## Argentine priest defrocked for backing gay marriage

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - A priest in the pope's native Argentina who endorsed the gay marriage law approved here in 2010 has been expelled from the church, his local archbishop's office said Friday.

The offensive against the legislation was led by Jorge Bergoglio, then the archbishop of Buenos Aires and now Pope Francis.

Father Jose Nicolas Alessio, who served in the central province of Cordoba and was first suspended in 2010, and now been defrocked altogether, expressed bitter disappointment.

"More than 30 years serving God's people has meant nothing for the Catholic Church. All it took to get thrown out was having an opinion different from that of the archbishop," he said.

Argentina was the first Latin American country to recognize same-sex marriage. It is also allowed in Mexico City and was approved just this week in Uruguay.

So far around 6,000 same sex couples have wed in Argentina, activists say.

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Many have taken note of this singular location as the place to go for that memorable romantic meal, and their reservation staff reports a waiting list for the rail tables that offer the best unobstructed view, recommending reservations well in advance if this is important to you.

The restaurant is now open from early in the day for refreshments, and is the perfect lunch stop while touring, serving from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, after which visitors can enjoy a light snack from their Pizza Mini Menu until 6:00 PM when they officially open for dinner, until 11:00 PM.



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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches



and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

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There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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## Football: History of violence returns to haunt Europe



PARIS (AFP) - Tear gas, stun grenades and knuckle-dusters provided a grim, bloody backdrop as hooliganism returned to haunt Europe's top leagues this weekend.

From London's showpiece Wembley Stadium to Munich's glittering Allianz Arena and at the 2004 Olympic Stadium in Athens, fans fought hit-and-run battles with riot police.

Fourteen fans were arrested and four police officers were hurt after Millwall fans fought amongst themselves as their team went down to a 2-0 defeat to Wigan in the FA Cup semi-finals at Wembley.

Police wielding batons eventually brought the disorder under control.

South London club Millwall had been plagued by hardcore violence during the dark days of the 1970s and 1980s.

Saturday's fighting was witnessed by millions of people worldwide tuning into TV coverage of the sport's oldest cup competition.

Wigan chairman Dave

Whelan said he had been stunned by the violence which left some fans injured and children in tears.

In Munich, police warned of a "new dimension of violence" after 16 officers were injured and more than 60 supporters detained before champions Bayern Munich's match against Nuremberg.

According to reports, a group of 400 Nuremberg fans was attacked by 120 Bayern fans en route to the stadium before the away fans then turned on police, using stones and bottles.

In all, 61 fans were detained -- 31 from Munich and 30 Nuremberg supporters -- and questioned over offences ranging from assault and resisting arrest to breach of the peace.

Weapons, including knuckle-dusters, were used in the fighting.

Two key matches in the Greek Super League saw hundreds of supporters clash with police who resorted to tear gas and stun grenades to quell the

assault.

The most serious incidents happened at the Athens Olympic Stadium where the match between the home team AEK and Panthrakikos was suspended.

The game was halted when hundreds of angry AEK fans dashed onto the pitch after the visitors took a 1-0 lead courtesy of an own-goal in the 87th minute.

As the stadium emptied, some 300 fans remained, destroying plastic seats.

Going into the match, AEK had won just one of their last seven games and are in danger of being relegated for the first time in their history.

An hour-and-a-half before the start of that game, Olympiakos fans, Panathinaikos supporters and police clashed outside Karaiskaki Stadium.

Fire bombs and rocks were thrown at police who responded with the use of tear gas and stun grenades.

Back in the English Premier League, Newcastle fans fought running battles with mounted police.

Twenty seven fans were arrested and at least three police officers injured following Newcastle's 3-0 home defeat to bitter local rivals Sunderland.

Police said they were pelted with missiles as they clashed with home fans attempting to confront Sunderland supporters at the city's railway station.

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### Football: No Messi, no problem as Barcelona cruise



Barcelona's Tello celebrates scoring against Real Zaragoza

MADRID (AFP) - Barcelona continued their march towards a 22nd La Liga title as a much-changed side were still too strong for struggling Real Zaragoza in a 3-0 win at La Romareda on Sunday.

Barca, playing without the injured Lionel Messi, remain 13 points ahead of Real Madrid who beat Athletic Bilbao, also by 3-0.

Thiago Alcantara got Barcelona going with a tidy finish on 20 minutes and the Spanish international then played in Cristian Tello to make it 2-0 just before the break.

Tello showed great pace and poise to register his second of the evening seven minutes after the restart and there was even a rare clean sheet for Barca despite the absence of Gerard Pique at the back.

Tito Vilanova made six changes from the side that started Wednesday's exacting Champions League clash with Paris Saint-Germain.

However, it was one of those not rested that caused a surprise as Xavi started a league game for the first time since early February.

The third Barca goal did arrive soon after though as Tello showed off his frightening speed once more to dash past Glenn Loovens and slot into the far corner.

Real Madrid remain 13 points behind the leaders after two goals and an assist from

Cristiano Ronaldo guided them 3-0 win at Athletic Bilbao.

In contrast to Barcelona, Jose Mourinho named almost a full strength Madrid side and was rewarded when Ronaldo got the visitors off to the perfect start with a wonderful free-kick that dipped into the top corner.

However, Madrid also had to rely to great saves from Diego Lopez to deny Markel Susaeta and Ander Herrera as Athletic went onto boss the first-half.

Ronaldo sealed all three points for Los Blancos with 20 minutes to go though as he rose highest to bullet Xabi Alonso's free-kick into the far corner before the Portuguese slipped in Higuain to fire home the third from a narrow angle five minutes later.

Atletico Madrid kept up their chase of Real in second place with a 5-0 thrashing of Granada at the Vicente Calderon.

Diego Costa opened the scoring for Los Rojiblancos before a Radamel Falcao double and second-half goals from Raul Garcia and Filipe Luis sealed a first victory in three games for Diego Simeone's men.

Real Sociedad increased their advantage in fourth as two early goals from Imanol Agirretxe handed them a comfortable 2-0 win at Rayo Vallecano.



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## NBA: Celtics seize seventh play-off seed, while Paul and Clippers halt Grizzlies' streak

ORLANDO (AFP) - Courtney Lee scored 20 points as the Boston Celtics clinched the seventh playoff seed in the Eastern Conference standings on Saturday by routing the Orlando Magic 120-88.

Lee was one of seven Boston players to reach double-figures in scoring. Jeff Green and Jordan Crawford had 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Kevin Garnett, Brandon Bass and Avery Bradley also scored 14 points apiece for Boston who were coming off a 109-101 loss to Miami on Friday.

Garnett finished with nine rebounds and Paul Pierce scored



Courtney Lee #11 of the Boston Celtics goes up for the layup

12 points for the Celtics, who beat Orlando for the eighth consecutive time.

Boston has just two games remaining in the regular season as they will face Indiana at home on Tuesday before finishing the regular season in Toronto on Wednesday.

Tobias Harris scored 22 points and Nik Vucevic recorded a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds for Orlando, who have lost six of their last seven games.

"Very disappointed," said Harris. "Played a great team and just didn't live up to the opportunity."

Both teams shot well in the third quarter, especially the Magic who scored 27 points, with Harris and Vucevic combining to record all but one.

Boston had 28 points in the quarter on 64.7 percent shooting from the field.

The Celtics led by as many as 27 points late in the third to

take a 85-64 advantage into the final quarter.

In Los Angeles - Chris Paul sank one of two free throws with 18 seconds left as the Los Angeles Clippers snapped the Memphis Grizzlies' 13-game home win streak with a 91-87 NBA victory on Saturday.

Paul finished with 13 points and five assists, while DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and 12 rebounds for Los Angeles who have won five straight contests.

Blake Griffin chipped in 12 points and nine rebounds for the Clippers in the win.

Marc Gasol had a game-high 18 points and 15 boards and Zach Randolph finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who lost their first game at home since February 5 against Phoenix.

Memphis are in fifth spot in the Western Conference, one position back of the Clippers.

Paul put the Clippers ahead 89-87 late in the fourth. After Los Angeles forced a turnover on a pass from Memphis' Mike Conley, Griffin went to the free throw line to try and extend the lead, but he missed both shots.

But Griffin was fouled on a clear path violation, giving the ball back to the Clippers. Jamal Crawford then made two free throws with 2.2 seconds left to ice the victory.

With the win, the Clippers took the season series 3-1 and are looking to earn home-court advantage, even though they currently share the same record with Memphis with two games left in the 2012-13 season.

The Clippers are now one-half game behind the Denver Nuggets for the third seed in the Western Conference.

## Bryant out for up to 9 months with torn Achilles



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Kobe Bryant underwent surgery to repair a torn Achilles tendon which could sideline the Los Angeles Lakers star for up to nine months, the NBA team announced on week-end. The 15-time all-star Bryant left the court in agony toward the end of Friday's 118-116 win over Golden State and later declared his season over. Bryant chose to have immediate surgery to repair the damage to his torn left Achilles, undergoing an operation on Saturday. Lakers head trainer Gary Vitti described the torn tendon as a "third rupture." "It is gone. It has to be sewn back together," said Vitti earlier Saturday. Bryant said immediately after the game that he felt a "pop" as he tried to beat Harrison Barnes to the outside with just over three minutes left in the fourth quarter of Friday night's tight contest. The future Hall of Famer also pondered on Facebook whether this might be the end for him as an NBA superstar. "Maybe this is how my book ends," he wrote. "Maybe Father Time has defeated me ... Then again maybe not."

## MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	07	04	.636	--	ATLANTA	11	01	.917	--
BALTIMORE	06	05	.545	1.0	NY METS	07	04	.636	3.5
YANKEES	05	05	.500	1.5	WASHINGTON	07	05	.583	4.0
TORONTO	05	06	.455	2.0	PHILADELPHIA	06	06	.500	5.0
TAMPA	04	07	.364	3.0	MIAMI	02	10	.167	9.0
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	06	05	.545	--	ST. LOUIS	07	04	.635	--
KANSAS	06	05	.545	--	CINCINNATI	05	06	.455	2.0
CLEVELAND	05	06	.455	1.0	PITTSBURGH	05	06	.455	2.0
CHICAGO	05	07	.417	1.5	CHICAGO	04	07	.364	3.0
MINNESOTA	04	07	.364	2.0	MILWAUKEE	02	08	.200	4.5
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	09	03	.750	--	SAN FRANCISCO	08	04	.667	--
TEXAS	08	04	.667	1.0	DODGERS	07	04	.636	0.5
SEATTLE	05	08	.385	4.5	COLORADO	07	04	.636	0.5
HOUSTON	04	07	.364	4.5	ARIZONA	07	04	.636	0.5
LA ANGELES	03	08	.273	5.5	SAN DIEGO	02	09	.182	5.5

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## Golf: Adam Scott, first Australian to win the Masters



Adam Scott of Australia celebrates with caddie Steve Williams

AUGUSTA (AFP) - Adam Scott of Australia won the 77th Masters at Augusta National on Sunday, winning a playoff against Angel Cabrera of Argentina.

Scott won at the second

playoff hole with a 10-foot birdie. They both parred the first playoff hole.

The 32-year-old Scott, the first Australian to win the Masters, shot 69 and Cabrera 70 as they both finished with

nine under par totals of 279.

Third place went to Jason Day of Australia two strokes back after a closing 70, with Tiger Woods (70) of the United States and Marc Leishman of Australia (72) in a tie for fourth place on five under.

Denmark's Thorbjorn Olesen (68) and Brandt Snedeker (75) of the United States shared sixth a further stroke back.

Scott had started the final round a shot behind joint leaders Cabrera and Snedeker.

It was a first major win for Scott and brought an end to a jinx that saw Australians eight times finish runner-up at Augusta National.



Angel Cabrera of Argentina reacts after a missed shot on the 17th hole during the final round



Tianlang Guan of China walks off the 18th green after finishing the final round of the 77th Masters golf tournament at Augusta National Golf Club on April 14, 2013 in Augusta, Georgia. Guan Tianlang's historic debut at the Masters ended with a rousing reception from fans gathered around Augusta National's famous 18th hole on Sunday. Playing his final round in the company of 55-year-old Scot, Sandy Lyle, the 1988 Masters champion, the 14-year-old Chinese schoolboy carded a three-over 75 which left him at 12-over 300 for the tournament.



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